

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-8, 25, 32, 33 and 43 are rejected. Claims 40-42 have been allowed. Claims 11, 12, 26, 27, 36 and 37 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 5-8, 25, 32, 33 and 43 are rejected as anticipated by Hoff ('738.) The examiner directs applicants to Example 60 in column 25. At page 5 of the Action, the Examiner states:

Compound 60 (column 25) in Hoff et al. is embraced by current amended claim 1 when R¹ is an unsubstituted thiazolyl; R² is -C(O)NR⁵R⁶; R⁵ and R⁶ taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached to form a monocyclic 5-membered ring; and R³ is hydrogen. The rejection is deemed proper and therefore, the rejection is maintained.

Claims 1, 5-8, 25, 32, 33 and 43 are also rejected as obvious over Hoff ('738.)

The Examiner states at the bottom of page 7 of the Action:

Applicants respectfully submit that their amendment to the claims renders this issue moot.

One skilled in the art would thus be motivated to prepare products embraced by the prior art to arrive at the instant claimed products with the expectation of obtaining additional beneficial products which would be useful as anthelmintic agents.

At the bottom of page 10 of the Action:

Applicant argues that the R variable in Hoff et al. can be unsubstituted monoloweralkylamino, diloweralkylamino or cycloalkylamino. In response, Hoff et al. disclose compounds which anticipate the current amended claims (see above 102 rejection) as well as teach compounds in which the current amended claims are obvious (see above 103 rejection).

Applicants respectfully submit that their amendment to the claims renders these issues moot.

Having addressed the outstanding issues, Applicants respectfully request early examination and allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of this application. Applicant believes no additional fees are due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this response to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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